

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-806]

Silicon Metal from the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of final results of antidumping duty administrative review; silicon metal from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: On March 10, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the People's Republic of China (PRC). The review covers the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997.

We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results. We received no comments and have not changed the results from those presented in the preliminary results of review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 14, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations as codified at 19 CFR part 353 (April 1, 1996).

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Background

On March 10, 1998, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 11654) the preliminary results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the People's Republic of China. We did not receive any comments from interested parties. The Department has now completed the review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of silicon metal containing at least 96.00 but less than 99.99 percent of silicon by weight. Also covered by this review is silicon metal from the PRC containing between 89.00 and 96.00 percent silicon by weight but which contains a higher aluminum content than the silicon metal containing at least 96.00 percent but less than 99.99 percent silicon by weight. Silicon metal is currently provided for under subheadings 2804.69.10 and 2804.69.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) as a chemical product, but is commonly referred to as a metal. Semiconductor-grade silicon (silicon metal containing by weight not less than 99.99 percent of silicon and provided for in subheading 2804.61.00 of the HTS) is not subject to this review. Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

This review covers the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997.

Final Results of the Review

For the reasons set out in the preliminary determination, we determine that the following dumping margin exists:

Manufacturer/ exporter	Time Period	Margin (percent)
PRC rate	6/1/96-5/31/97	139.49

The Department shall determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to the Customs Service. Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of this notice of final results of review for all shipments of silicon metal from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: for all PRC exporters, the cash deposit rate will be the PRC-wide rate established in these final results of administrative review; and (2) the cash deposit rates for non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise from the PRC will be the rates applicable to the PRC supplier of that exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice serves as a reminder to importers of their responsibility under section 353.26 of the Department's regulations to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34(d). Timely written notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations

and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and section 353.22 of the Department's regulations.

Dated: June 27, 1998.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

In Situ Burning of Oil Spills Workshop

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.